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INCOME TAX RETURN FORMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to revise the forms for submission ofincome tax returns,

(b) whether the proposed new form of 10-12 pages will not be more cumbersome and will put the users to avoidable difficulties in filing up the new forms and defeat the very purpose of simplifying the existing return forms;

(c) whether in view of the technology advancement the form should not be made more simpler than the cumbersome; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government on these aspects ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes Sir. The revised return forms have already been notified.

(b): The new Forms notified in the current year are easy to fill inand providestandardised and structured formats for computation of head wise income. The different pages of the return form correspond to different sources of income and in most cases a taxpayer will not be required to fill in all the pages .

(c): The new forms have been designed keeping in view technology advancement and the ongoing computerisation in the Income-tax Department. They are amenable to faster processing on computers and at the same time will enable the capturing of essential data on computers, which could help in formulation of tax policies.

(d): In view of above, does not arise.